

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

ZHEN-YU YANG

CASE CL2203 USPCT
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GROUP ART UNIT: 1796

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EXAMINER: HENRY S. HU

CONFIRMATION NO.: 2511

FOR: TRIFLUOROSTYRENE CONTAINING COMPOUNDS, AND THEIR USE IN
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

VIA EFS-WEB

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

By Office Action dated January 7, 2009, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372.

The Examiner has required election from:

Group I, claims 1 - 4, drawn to a monomer having a formula (1);

Group II, claims 5 – 8, drawn to a homopolymer having a structure of formula (2);

Group III, claims 9 – 17, drawn to a copolymer selected from the group consisting of: a dipolymer of formula (3) and a terpolymer of formula (4).

Group IV, Claims 18 – 19, 31 – 32, 34 – 36 and 48 – 49, drawn to a polymer electrolyte membrane, along with its membrane electrode assembly and its electrochemical cell.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I without traverse. Claims 1 – 4 are readable thereon.

There should be no fee due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully submitted,

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